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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Applicants claim small entity status, therefore, a refund of PTO fees is respectfully requested.

On March 31, 2005, Applicants filed a U.S. National Phase Patent Application and paid the \$1,130.00 filing fee. Applicants have since found they qualify for small entity status. Therefore, Applicants are entitled to a 50% refund of said fee, consistent with 37 C.F.R. 1.28 (a)(1).

The Patent and Trademark Office is accordingly requested to make a refund to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 in the amount of \$565.00 This paper is being submitted in duplicate for the convenience of the Finance Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

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